# Stone Mountain Adding Gate Tolls

By JACK NELSON

Despite a report that "a good many legislators" oppose an admission fee for Stone Mountain Memorial Park, a toll system was included in a $5 million development program adopted for the park Wednesday.

The Stone Mountain Memorial Association at a morning meeting approved the program for financing through a bond issue.

In addition to the $69,000 toll system, several other items in the program were questioned by association members. But they voted unanimously to approve the program after a member, Julius McCurdy, said that the association would have leeway to make changes in the program after the bonds are sold.

**OPPOSES FEES**

Secretary of State Ben Fortson Jr. told other association members, "A good many legislators have talked with me about their opposition to payment of any gate fees to get in the park."

Fortson said he detected "a growing sentiment" among legislators in opposition to a fee.

Chairman Phil Campbell said the Legislature will have to determine next January whether it wants to appropriate additional funds to operate the park without admission fees or wants the park to charge fees and operate on a self-sustaining basis.

**MEMORIAL CARVING**

The development program includes $1,005,900 for completion of the mountain memorial carving and development of the land between the carving and Memorial Hall; $903,504 for development of recreational facilities; $414,330 for construction of cottages and several other structures; $406,025 for parking and traffic control; $142,330 for utilities; $627,911 for acquisition of new land and "general contingencies"; $1,332,400 for completion of construction begun in 1962, including payment of a million-dollar bank loan, and $167,700 for furniture and fixtures.

McCurdy questioned whether the association should proceed with the construction of two golf courses, set up at an estimated cost of $700,000, before there would be sufficient demand for them. He pointed out that DeKalb County is building a golf course two miles from the mountain.

Gen. Harold Maddux, manager of the park, explained that the total cost of the golf courses actually would exceed $700,000, but said that the work done above that amount would be carried out by the park's convict labor force.

Fortson said another item

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## *Series Will Analyze Mountain's Troubles*

A series on the troubles that have plagued Stone Mountain Memorial Park begins in Sunday's Journal-Constitution.

Continuing daily in The Constitution, the articles are written by reporter Jack Nelson. The series will disclose how millions of dollars in tax funds have been handled in the development of the mountain.

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# Columbus Mixed Dr

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP)—Voters proposal to legalize the sale of erendum Wednesday, climaxing debated issues.

The final unofficial return was 8,041 to 7,756.

The referendum was the second authorized in several Georgia communities by the last regular session of the general assembly.

The issue was approved by Atlanta voters on May 6.

Results of Columbus' Bealwood precinct, a textile area, sealed the doom of the proposal which was ahead by 147 votes until that last precinct was tabulated.

The vote in Bealwood was 855 against mixed drinks to 423 for.

City Manager Ralph Sayers

# Toll System Included in $5 Million Voted for Stone Mountain

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which "disturbed" him was the $300,000 earmarked for cottages. The cottages would cost an estimated $10,000 per two-bedroom unit and $7,500 for a one-bedroom unit.

"It seems to me they could be erected at smaller cost," Fortson declared.

Maddux reported that Walker Hancock, the sculptor who has the contract to supervise completion of the memorial, has not yet announced a decision as to when work on the carving will begin.

Maddux said construction of an elevator to the carving and erection of 21 scaffolds have been completed.

The $1,005,900 earmarked to complete the carving and adjacent grounds includes $635,000 for the carving, $323,000 for developing grounds and $47,900 for "contingencies."

The association voted to defer collection of $4,100 from Stone Mountain Plantation Inc., due under a contract provision calling for payment of 5 per cent of gross proceeds into an advertising fund. On Feb. 24 the association voted to defer for a year the collection of a similar payment, amounting to about $20,000, from the Stone Mountain Railroad.

Both concessions have reported deficits in their operations.

McCurdy noted that several concessionnaires, including the Plantation and the railroad, have requested changes in their contracts. He suggested that Maddux review all contracts and make recommendations to the association so that it could consider all contracts at once instead of possibly approving changes in piecemeal fashion.

McCurdy also said the association first should be sure whether it could legally make any changes in existing contracts.

Fortson reminded the association that its Buildings and Grounds Committee had been asked at the January meeting to review all contracts and ascertain the legality of changing any of them. He said Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, a member of the association, had been asked to work with the committee.

Campbell said the committee has not yet made a report and added, "Somebody's got to bird-dog it." Members of the committee are Crawford Pilcher, chairman; Mrs. L. H. Lyles and Campbell.

Maddux said he thought it would take "several months" to review all the contracts.

At Campbell's request the association voted to study the legal points raised in a suit in Clarke County challenging the constitutionality of the 1958 act creating the Stone Mountain Memorial Association.

Campbell said that if there are any "serious points" in the suit the Legislature, at its current session, may want to guarantee the constitutionality of the association by providing for it in the new constitution being drafted.

Attorney Rupert Brown filed the suit for a Clarke County resident who has been contesting the right of the county commission to give the association a covered bridge. The association has plans to move the bridge to Stone Mountain.


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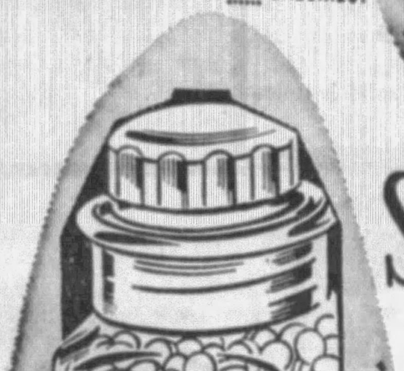

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# Stone Mtn. Park --How It Grows

**That scenic recreation spot, Stone Mountain Park, is about to get $4 million in new state funds. Jack Nelson details its plans and development in a Constitution series.**

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Mostly cloudy and mild Sunday and Monday, with scattered showers. National Summary on Page 45.

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## RALPH McGILL

### *Industry, Science Go to Education*

*Thoughts after Boston:* It was New England that gave to the young and expanding nation its literature, music, poetry and its dynamic of education. In Boston (and Cambridge) the example of the tie between education and economic progress is inescapable, even to the casual eye.

The eminence of the Boston area in high quality electronics began with the establishment of four wartime laboratores at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They had the necessary faculty staff to direct and man the research problems. From that time into the present the two magnificent institutions have attracted scientists and engineers to cope with the demands of government and industry.

A vast complex of science-oriented industries has sprung up about the major companies. There are more than 400 of these, most of them engaged in electronics, instrumentation or related work. They employ about 22,000 scientists and engineers.

### *The Base*

There is no "which-came-first-the-chicken-or-the-egg?" argument in this story. The educational institutions were there. Industry and science came to them. (The difference between a community making itself educationally eligible to attract modern industry and one that struggles to get a pants factory primarily is one of education.)

California's boom in aerospace began in the 1930's. It, too, began in an educational institution—the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena. Early research in rocketry and jet propulsion led to the founding of the institute's jet propulsion laboratory. This brought development of the multi-billion dollar aerospace industry that includes the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, Lockheed Aviation Corporation and North American. About them have sprung up satellite companies.

At about the same time Cal Tech got started, a communications laboratory was begun at Stanford University. This project attracted scientists, research, and private and governmental contracts in electronics. Two men who worked there were William Hewlett and David Packard. They founded what has become the world's largest manufacturer of electronic instruments.

Stanford, Cal Tech, and the major units of the University of California are magnets that have attracted the best of modern scientific industry.

### *Results*

The United States Chamber of Commerce recently released a survey result. A new plant, office, or laboratory with 100 jobs, on the average brings in 100 households, 359 people, $710,000 in spending power, $331,000 in retail sales and $229,000 in bank deposits.

Research parks, created near, or about, a university or research center, are the newest real estate developments. They include housing, shopping areas, and so on. North Carolina pioneered in the South. During the administration of Governor Luther Hodges the triangle area between the University of North Carolina, Duke, and North Carolina State College was made a "Research Triangle." Huntsville has such a "park." Other institutions that have announced establishment of, or plans for, such "parks" are Colorado State University, University of Miami, Purdue, Iowa State, University of Missouri, Cornell, University of Oklahoma, and Clemson University.

Those states in the South which still insist on continuing racist discrimination and handicapping their educational institutions, and those in other areas that downgrade their schools cannot fail to be aware of what such blindness and prejudice will do to their future.

United Press International Photo
A. J. FOYT WAS TIRED BUT HAPPY WINNER OF THE 500
Houston Driver Averaged 147.35 m.p.h. for New Record

# Foyt Wins '500' Race; Crash Kills 2, Hurts 10

## Indianapolis Speed Record Is Broken

By FURMAN BISHER
Atlanta Journal Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY, May 30—A flaming Hell on the main straightaway took the lives of two drivers Saturday as A. J. Foyt Jr. of Houston, Tex., won the 48th running of the Indianapolis 500 in one of the most calamitous races ever run on the historic speedway.

Foyt returned to the winners' circle after a two-year absence, and he returned in spectacular fashion. He led the race from the 55th lap until the end, which came in record time of three hours, 33 minutes and 35 seconds.

*Additional stories and pictures of Indianapolis race in Sports Section.*

BUT THE OUTCOME was rendered secondary to the tragedy that took place even before the estimated crowd of 300,000 had settled back in their seats.

The veteran Eddie Sachs, 37, of Detroit and rookie Dave MacDonald, 26, of El Monte, Calif., were the unfortunate casualties of a spectacular crash and subsequent fire that took place before the eyes of a horrified majority of the spectators.

The race had just entered the third lap when MacDonald, driving a rear-engine Ford-powered Sears Allstate Special, went sideways coming into the head of the grandstand stretch. No one was quite sure what took place thereafter, but MacDonald's spin triggered a chain of collisions which was followed by a spurt of flames that instantly covered that area of the track.

SACHS was literally cremated

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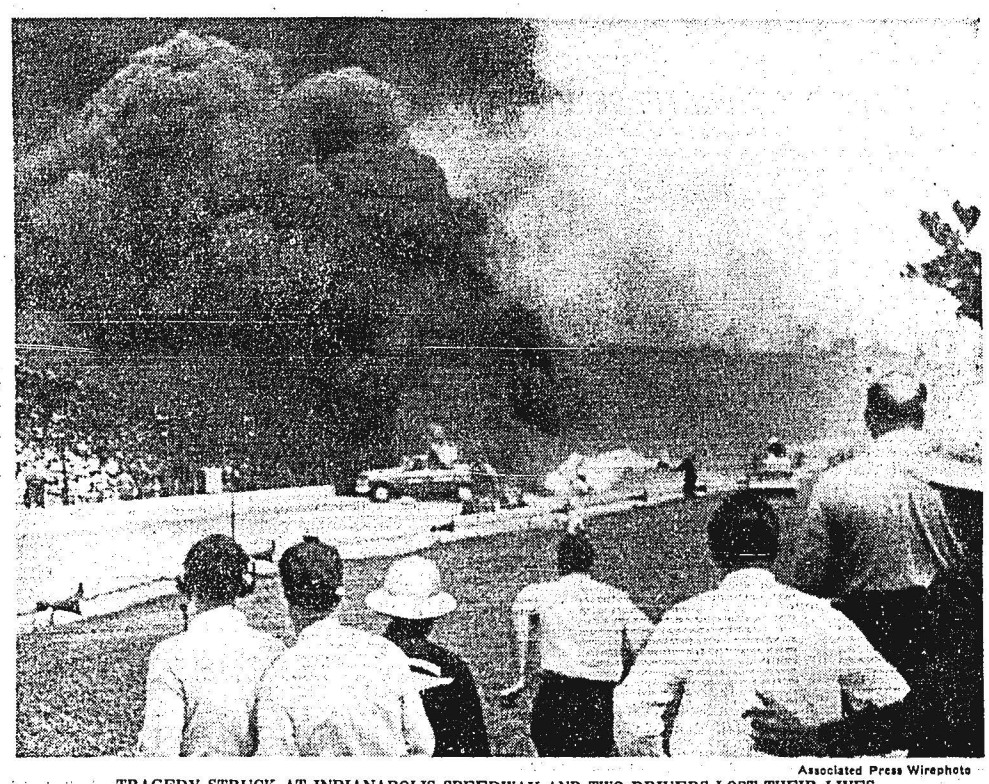

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TRAGEDY STRUCK AT INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY AND TWO DRIVERS LOST THEIR LIVES
Race Was Just Entering Third Lap When Fiery Crash Caused Delay of One Hour and 45 Minutes

## Sen. Conway Says Too Much 'Politics'

DeKalb Sen. H. McKinley Conway Jr. charged Saturday that "political considerations" and "political party interests" are interfering with the writing of a new constitution that will meet the state's needs for the next decade.

He said the General Assembly now in special session can do the rewriting job that's needed only "by liberal use of scissors and blue pencil."

"If we are willing to confine the constitution to a broad statement of principles and leave all general legislation for future determination in regular sessions of the General Assembly, we can succeed," he said.

"This will disappoint a lot of special-interest groups and it will take courage for the General Assembly to reverse itself at this point and take this new direction.

THE PROPOSED constitution passed the House Friday by a 161 to 9 margin after four weeks of study and will be taken up in the Senate Monday.

It will first be studied by the Senate Rules and Judiciary Committees before the full Senate gets it for debate.

Simultanously, the House will launch consideration of the proposed election laws code, which the Senate approved Wednesday 43 to 1.

Both houses are expected to make changes in both docu-

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## *PINEY WOODS PETE Says:*

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Looks as if Gov. Wallace's decision not to speak in Atlanta, after all, got quite a few politicians off the hook. Included are those who pulled a boner by inviting him, our governor who didn't want to meet him and some on-the-fence legislators who faced having to decide whether to attend the speaking or not.

This below-the-surface feud in the Georgia party reminds me of the time a visitor asked a Kentuckian whether there wasn't a way to get the badly split local Democrats together.

"Together!" was the reply, "why, it takes a dozen deputies to keep 'em apart!"

Yours truly,
PINEY WOODS PETE.

## Cloudy, Mild Through Monday

Cloudy skies and mild temperatures are expected to prevail over the Atlanta area Sunday and Monday, the weather forecaster says. Scattered showers are anticipated.

Temperatures should range from a low of 58 degrees Sunday and Monday to highs of 70 and 74 degrees, the weatherman said.

## Politics Hinted By MacIntyre In I-85 Lag

Fulton Republican Sen. Dan MacIntyre charged Saturday that the State Highway Department is dragging its heels in opening Interstate 85 between Commerce and the South Carolina border.

Dan MacIntyre

He indicated there might be political implications involved.

He rode over the stretch of roadway Saturday morning without any difficulty. He estimated the distance at about 50 miles.

"Although the shoulders are not completed, the two driving lanes are," he said. "The shoulders could be finished in a few

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## China 'Brainwash' Of Soviets Scored

By HENRY TANNER
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MOSCOW, May 30—The Soviet Union accused Communist China Saturday of continuously provoking incidents on the Sino-Soviet border and attempting to "brainwash" Soviet citizens in their homes.

It said these "gross provocations" had caused "special concern" in the Soviet capital.

Izvestia, the government newspaper, said in an editorial that the practice of interfering in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union and other Communist states had been turned into an official government policy by the Chinese leaders.

Izvestia editorials are often used to state Soviet government positions short of issuing formal declarations by the Foreign Ministry.

SATURDAY'S EDITORIAL was seen as a further indication of the effects that the ideological conflict between the Soviet

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## *STREET SCENES*

*Five-year-old to middle-aged gentleman lolling in lawn chair on Judson Avenue: "I know why you get my brother to cut your grass." "Why?" "Because you're getting pretty old."*

*Pizza truck parked in driveway of oriental house on Biltmore Drive.*

*Small boy pushing signal button to stop heavy Memorial Drive traffic, walking across, pushing button there, walking back . . .and so we left him.*

MUDDLE AT THE MOUNTAIN . . . NO. 1

# *How Is Stone Mt. Money Being Spent?*

By JACK NELSON

A plush motel, built at Stone Mountain Memorial Park with $1.6 million in tax funds, has been empty since construction was completed last December.

Six of the seven members of the board which controls the park were not even aware the motel was going to be built until construction was well under way.

On top of the mountain at the state park is a $737,000 building which is mostly empty and for which the association has no firm plans. Included in the building cost is a reflection pool with nothing—except the sky—to reflect.

The Park has cost the state a total of $11,250,000, including the purchase price of almost $2 million.

THE STONE MOUNTAIN Memorial Association was created by the Legislature in 1958 for the primary purpose of completing a Confederate Memorial carving on the mountain and developing a park for the enjoyment of Georgians whose tax funds would finance the project. The memorial project soon became lost in a campaign to turn the park into a recreation area that would attract out-of-state tourists.

Now the association is planning to spend another $5 million from a new bond issue. Already earmarked from the bond money is $1.2 million to pay off existing bank loans.

GOV. CARL SANDERS made the new expenditures possible last January by having the Legislature take $350,000 out of the land purchase funds for Georgia Tech and giving the money to Stone Mountain. The association now is operating on annual appropriations (including money through a leasing arrangement with the Parks Department) totaling $1,100,000.

In acting to provide the additional funds, Sanders declared, "The ox is in the ditch. I didn't get it in, but I've got to try to get it out."

It is doubtful the governor knew how deep the ox was in the ditch. Certainly the association didn't. The constitutional officers on the association—Agriculture Commissioner Phil Campbell, Secretary of State Ben Fortson Jr., Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook and Public Service Commission Chairman Crawford Pilcher—all have told a reporter that the duties of their elected offices have kept them so busy that they have been unable in the past to keep a close watch on the spending of tax monies at the mountain.

THIS IS A STORY of how much of the money has been spent. It is a story of negotiated contracts that ballooned way beyond their original cost estimates. It is a story of boondoggling that has left Stone Mountain an unfinished, haphazard development.

The records which the present

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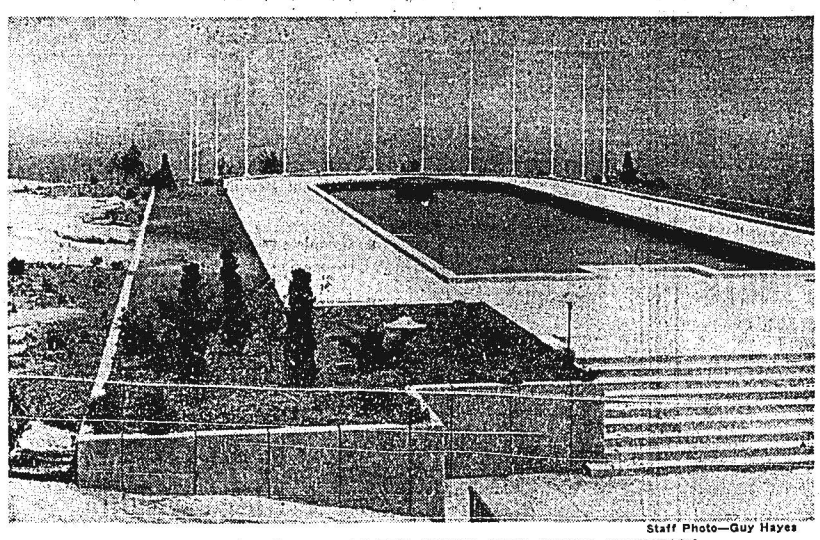

Staff Photo—Guy Hayes
REFLECTION POOL HAS BEEN BUILT ATOP STONE MOUNTAIN
Nearby Is $737,000 Building Which, at Present, Is Mostly Empty

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# Drownings, Traffic Take Eight Lives

By the Associated Press

Two Atlanta youngsters drowned near Flowery Branch Saturday bringing Georgia's weekend accident toll to eight.

Hall County sheriff's deputies said Margo Wallace, 14, and Robin Jones, 6, drowned when a boat capsized in Lake Lanier.

The state patrol said 29-year-old Leroy Parker of McRae was killed at Lumber City Saturday when his car went out of control on Georgia 19 and hit a tree.

Charles D. Henderson, 19, of Atlanta was killed Friday night when the car he was driving overturned several times on a Douglas County road about 5 miles south of Lithia Springs.

A 9-year-old Bremen girl, Brenda D. White, was killed Friday afternoon when she was struck by a car about three miles north of Bremen on U.S. 27. Officers said she ran into the side of the auto as she tried to cross the road.

Everett L. Silvey, 22, of Ringgold was killed Friday when his car crashed into a truck on U.S. 41 about a mile south of the Tennessee-Georgia line, the patrol reported.

A Rocky Face man, Ralph K. Kimsey, was killed Thursday night when his car was involved in a collision with a truck on U.S. 41 north of Dalton.

The State Game and Fish Commission said Thomas Garland, 45, of Macon drowned Friday in Lake Sinclair near Macon.

## ROAD LAG

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weeks if the contractor was required to work.

"Even though this was Saturday, work should be under way. We saw less than 10 men on the whole stretch and practically no machinery to complete the shoulders.

"The rumor is that the towns of Carnesville and Lavonia have requested the Highway Department to take it as slow as possible because of the fear that the bypassing of these communities will hurt business.

"I know that some powerful people live in Lavonia but didn't know that the previous administration controlled the Highway Department.

"Is Mr. Gillis hedging and hoping that Mr. Vandiver will be the next governor and that Mr. Jim will continue his rule of the state through the next administration ?

"This is typical politics in our Highway Department."

HE WAS REFERRING to Jim L. Gillis Sr., state highway director, and Ernest Vandiver, former governor of Georgia who lives in Lavonia. Mr. Vandiver is rumored to be a candidate for governor two years from now.

Sen. MacIntyre, who made the trip with his family, said the interstate highway in South Carolina "was in the same condition and even worse in some places but it was open and considerable work was being done with traffic going through at the same time.

"The people of Georgia deserve better service from our highway department."

The senator said he rode the stretch of highway even though several service station operators in Commerce told him it would be impossible.

## BRAINWASH

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and Chinese Communist parties has also been causing a steady increase of tension in relations between the two states.

Izvestia charged that in addition to being guilty of repeated "provocations" on the border, the Chinese regime was sending large quantities of subversive literature into the Soviet Union by clandestine means.

Russian language broadcasts of Radio Peking were "systematically" distorting conditions in the Soviet Union for the benefit of Soviet listeners, it said.

CHINESE Communist representatives in this country, including students, scientists, tourists and members of official delegations were making a systematic effort to "brainwash" Soviet citizens, it added.

In the past the "brainwashing" charge has usually been directed against attempts by Chinese authorities to subvert Soviet citizens living in China.

A large number of Chinese scientists, students, military officers and other specialists are working and studying in the Soviet Union.

WESTERN observers have been predicting for some time that sooner or later the Soviet Government would decide that these visitors be recalled. Saturday's editorial was seen as a possible step in that direction.

The editorial repeated previous Soviet charges that the Chinese leaders claimed a "special role" in the international Communist movement and sought to impose their will on other Communist countries and parties as Stalin had done in the days of the personality cult.

By contrast, the editorial said, the Soviet leadership believed in the equality of all the members of the Communist movement whether they were large or small.

The only kind that had a chance to last was "unity of sovereign and equal" Socialist states, it said.

THIS IS a concept that was emphasized by Premier Khrushchev following his visit to Hungary two months ago.

It has become the central theme of Soviet statements about the nature of relations between Communist states and parties. It is believed here to be connected with the fact that the Soviet leaders are no longer able to dictate policies but have to rely increasingly on a lengthy process of consultation.

In another development Saturday, Sergei P. Pavlov, head of the Soviet Communist Youth Movement, appealed to young people to reject the ideas of Peking.

In a speech he charged that the Chinese leaders were seeking to undermine the international Communist youth movement by using "big lies" techniques.

He said the Chinese had been invited to attend the World Youth Forum, which is to be held here this fall, but that they had failed to show up at the preliminary meeting last month.

## Standards Met

AUCKLAND, N.Z., May 30 (AP)—New Zealand freezing companies have spent between $8.4 million and $11.2 million on facilities to meet new U.S. meat inspection standards and those of the strictest European countries, reports Director I. G. Watt of the Agriculture Department. He said 35 plants killing for export will be able to meet the U.S. deadline date on Monday.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ODDS FAVORED POLICEMEN FOR CHANGE

DETROIT, May 30 (AP)—Police of suburban Dearborn Heights were amazed when they heard horse race bets being relayed via their police radio system.

The policemen found dampness had caused contact between the underground cable of their radio system and a telephone company cable. They said telephone calls placed by horse bettors thus found their way onto the police radio system.

Police traced the calls and raided a bar a few doors from the police station. Five people were arrested for investigation of violating state gambling laws.

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## Astronauts Face Geology Finals

HOUSTON, May 30 (UPI). The majority of the 29 U.S. astronauts will take final exams in geology at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch near Cimarron, N.M., next week.

The astronauts will have to map various rock formations, contours and other terrain features.

## Box Kills 5 Boys

WARSAW, May 30 (AP)—Five boys aged 5 to 11 were killed this week while prying open a box they found in a river near Olsztyn, the Polish press agency PAP reported. The explosive box is believed to have been abandoned by the retreating Nazi army in World War II.

## CONWAY SAYS

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ments that will take several days of conference committee meetings to unravel.

Gov. Sanders has said he believes the special session can be completed in two more weeks, but many legislators think it will take at least three weeks.

THE GOVERNOR originally predicted the special session would be completed in 30 days. This prompted Sen. Conway to declare Saturday:

"I had assumed they meant 30 calendar days, but it now appears they were using some of those working days by which the progress of the Atlanta expressway system is measured.

"Due to poor organization and lack of a sense of urgency, we have, in my opinion, taken about twice as long to act as we should have."

A group of senators led by Sen. Bob Smalley of Griffin are expected to launch efforts Monday to substitute what Sen. Conway called "a streamlined version" of the Constitution for the House-passed version.

"I believe the success or failure of our efforts will determine whether this expensive special session is worth what it costs," he said.

THE CONSTITUTION drawn by Sen. Smalley and others is almost half the length of the present Constitution and is considerably shorter than the House-passed document.

It attempts to weed out statutory material and outline broad constitutional principles and guidelines. The General Assembly is left broad power to deal with specifics.

There are considerable changes too, such as transferring to the Senate the right to originate revenue bills and allowing senators four-year terms.

The General Assembly would also be given discretion to make grants to political subdivisions from motor fuel taxes. The House provided grants of $9.3 million to cities and counties.

IN HIS STATEMENT, Sen. Conway charged that "political considerations seem to be weighing more heavily now than they did in the two regular sessions of this General Assembly.

"On the election code, it is evident that political party interests have been put above public interest on several key issues. On the Constitution, the House has responded again to the same old pressures.

"Add to this a group of legislators keeping one eye on the upcoming elections while working in non-airconditioned chambers and you have a poor environment for constructive action."—WILLIAM O. SMITH.

## STONE MOUNTAIN

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park manager (Gen. Harold R. Maddux) says were in the office when he took over in May of 1963 are incomplete and disorganized.

"We owed money we didn't even know about," Gen. Maddux said. "We found out about it when the bills came in."

THE NEGOTIATED contract for construction of the motel contained a cost estimate of less than a million dollars, but the project wound up costing more than $1.6 million.

The general contractor, Calvin T. Rutland, agreed to build the motel on a cost-plus-fee ($50,000) basis. But he wound up also drawing $48,000 for what amounted to renting equipment for his own work crews on the project. And a firm of which he was part owner and vice-president drew $116,000 for grading the motel site under another negotiated contract.

The association paid $3,359.78 for 76 bidets (douche basins common to European hotels but rare in the United States), one for each of the building's double units.

Two bidets were installed, then the association paid $1,150 to have them removed and the bathrooms where they had been installed repaired. The 76 bidets are now stored at the mountain.

THERE IS NO contract for the operation of the motel. The association doesn't know whether it is going to operate the motel or lease it for operation.

The motel and other construction projects were begun under Matt McWhorter as chairman of the association and Scott Candler as general manager of the park. Mr. McWhorter is chairman emeritus of the Public Service Commission.

Gen. Maddux, a retired Air Force major general, was brought to the park by Mr. McWhorter, but shortly afterwards Mr. McWhorter himself bowed out as chairman of the association.

A DEKALB COUNTY grand jury had demanded Mr. McWhorter's resignation from the association. The jury noted that Mr. McWhorter was married to one of the park concessionaires and declared this violated a law prohibiting a member of a state authority from benefiting financially from the authority's operations.

The grand jury's investigation came shortly after Mr. McWhorter called a closed meeting of the association at which Candler was demoted from manager to "assistant to the chairman" and reduced in annual salary from $8,400 to $4,800.

Mr. Candler, a former longtime commissioner and political power in DeKalb County, promptly resigned and soon appeared as a witness before the grand jury.

THE JURY subsequently called on McWhorter to resign. Although he did resign, Mr. McWhorter called attention to the fact that the jury was headed by his old political foe, ex-Comptroller General Zack D. Cravey, and questioned whether its objectivity was "clouded by a natural zeal to uphold Scott Candler, their neighbor and former . . . commissioner." He also pointed out that his marriage to Mrs. Christie Bell Kennedy took place 15 months after the association had negotiated a contract with her for the operation of the Plantation at Stone Mountain.

(The Plantation, like most other concessions at the mountain, has been losing money.)

AFTER Mr. McWhorter's resignation, Atty. Gen. Cook promised a thorough investigation of the entire park project. But the attorney general defended Mr. McWhorter and indicated that the investigation would be primarily to see how Mr. Candler operated as park manager.

As attorney general, Mr. Cook said, he was "constrained to institute a thorough investigation into all transactions, including all purchases made by Mr. Candler, since he was the purchasing agent."

HOWEVER, there has been no investigation by the attorney general. He told a reporter recently that he is waiting for a state audit report of the association for the 1963-64 fiscal year and "then I will do what I have to do."

The fiscal year does not end until June 30 and the report probably will not be ready until the fall. A report of the 1962-63 fiscal year has been issued since Mr. Cook first said he planned an investigation.

MEANWHILE, a reporter digging through the files of the association has uncovered many facts about expenditures which were still unknown to members of the association. Facts such as how and for what certain expenditures were made.

No plans had been drawn up for spending the additional $5 million at the time the new bond issue was authorized by the Legislature last January. In fact, the association had no plans for the money until Wednesday when it met and went over a spending program presented by Gen. Maddux.

EVEN THAT program is tentative. It contains $69,000 for a toll system. Mr. Fortson pointed out that "a good many legislators" had told him they opposed any admission fee being charged at the park.

The association voted to endorse the program, however, after one of its members, Julius McCurdy, said the association would have leeway for changing the program after the bonds are sold.

The biggest item in the spending program can't be changed. It is $1.2 million for paying off bank loans.

Although a state agency can not operate on borrowed money, the act setting up the Stone Mountain Memorial Association permits it to borrow funds.

IN AUGUST, 1962, Mr. McWhorter got the association to approve borrowing $500,000, which increased the association's debt at that time to $2 million. The next month McWhorter executed the contract for construction of the motel.

Although several concessionaires—a sky-lift, a game ranch, a marina, an antique-auto museum and a train which circles the mountain—are in operation, the association claims the park is not yet officially open.

And the park won't be open, association officials say, until the State Highway Department completes a U.S. Highway 78 by-pass around the park.

U.S. 78 presently funnels traffic through the park, which has an acute traffic problem on week-ends.

(In Monday's Atlanta Constitution: The Motel and the Bidets.)


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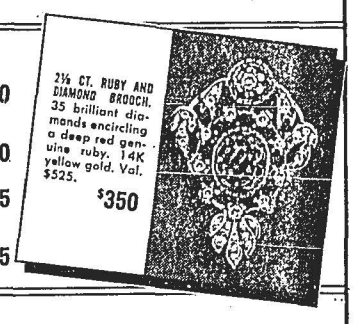

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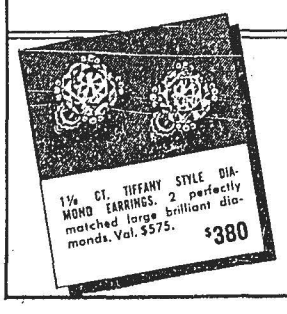

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***Muddle at the Mountain***

# Didn't Know Luxury Motel at Park Was To Be Built, Board Members Say

By JACK NELSON

Agriculture Commissioner Phil Campbell says he was "shocked" last year when he saw a motel being built at Stone Mountain Memorial Park.

"I was doubly shocked to see it going up because I had told

*Second of a series.*

Mr. McWhorter I opposed building a motel there," Campbell said. Campbell now is chairman of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, but McWhorter, who resigned from the association a year ago, was chairman when construction started in 1962.

Campbell said another member of the association, whom he did not identify, also had opposed the construction.

Apparently McWhorter was the only one of the seven members who knew it was to be built. Secretary of State Ben Fortson Jr., Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, public service commissioner Crawford Pilcher and Mrs. L. H. Lyle, all of whom still are members of the association, said they didn't know it until after work began. State Sen. Brooks Pennington Jr., who resigned from the association after his election to the Senate, said he didn't know it.

The motel, built under a negotiated contract, was estimated to cost "approximately $995,000" in the beginning, but wound up costing $1,575,063, plus an architectural fee of $87,490, for a total of $1,662,553.

The contract, dated Sept. 28, 1962, was signed by Calvin T. Rutland for Rutland Contracting Co. and Matt McWhorter for the association. An association rule required that the secretary-treasurer sign all contracts. Campbell was secretary-treasurer at the time, but the contract contains only the signatures of Rutland, McWhorter, and Scott Candler, who was park manager.

The contract called for Rutland to construct the motel on a cost basis, plus a fee of $50,000. This meant that the association was to meet all payrolls, provide construction machinery and equipment, and meet the cost of any sub-contracts. In return Rutland would get a $50,000 fee for being the general contractor and supervisor of the work.

But Rutland's firm also received $48,683.14 for rental of equipment on the job. And Rutland was vice president and part owner of Georgia Utilities Construction Co. which received $116,892 under another negotiated contract for the grading done on the motel site. The same firm also has been paid $287,039 by the association for other construction projects at the mountain.

Records show that Calvin Rutland, as general contractor, charged $700 to the association's funds for 4 2-3 months' rental of storage space for construction materials. This money was paid to his father, Guy Rutland Sr., according to association records.

The Rutland Contracting Company's charges for equipment rental included $125 a month for use of a house trailer as the firm's office at the construction site.

The association also paid Rutland $100 a month for three months — May, June and July

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Staff Photo—Guy Hayes

### Stone Mountain Motel Is Plush but Empty

**Muddle at the Mountain**

# Didn't Know Motel at Park Was to Be Built, Board Says

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— for rental of two air conditioner units in the trailer.

Rutland charged the association $118 a month for 10¾ months, a total of $1,268.50, for rental of a pickup truck.

Most of the other rental charges were for heavy equipment.

**MEMO ON GRADING**

On Aug. 31, 1962, Scott Candler, who was manager of the park at the time, sent this memorandum to George Tutan, the park's construction engineer:

"Mr. McWhorter has approved the estimate for the grading of the motel site of $78,240 — more or less — and I will appreciate it if you will give a work order to Luther (George O. Luther, president of Georgia Utilities Construction Co.) and Rutland for this amount."

By Oct. 31 Georgia Utilities already had reported it was due $72,849 for working 122,416 cubic yards of earth fill at 60 cents per cubic yard. The final cost of the grading project was $116,-692.

After Campbell succeeded McWhorter as chairman last year, the association hired an accounting firm, Haskins and Sells, to go over its books and recommend a better accounting procedure. The firm also was instructed to make a "cursory inspection" of contractors' estimates on several projects.

**PROGRESS REPORT**

On July 12, 1963, the firm wrote the association that although a work estimate on the motel project showed it was 96.2 per cent complete, "it would appear that a substantial amount of work yet remains to be done." The firm quoted Tutan, the park engineer, as saying he would estimate the project was only 75 per cent completed. The cost at that time stood at a million dollars.

The firm called attention to "departures from customary procedures in the motel project: estimates on the project are not broken down by such major classifications as excavating, concrete work, masonry, weatherproofing, and so on; estimates were not supported by invoices, delivery tickets, or payrolls; and changes in plans and specifications were made without written authorization from the association."

The contract for the motel called for construction to be "substantially completed" by May, 1963. However, construction was not completed until last December. There was no provision for penalty for failing to meet a construction deadline.

The 92-unit motel has two heated pools — one indoor and one outdoor. It has a large kitchen, equipped, and a spacious dining room that will seat 300. The rooms are not yet painted and the grounds are only partially landscaped.

The spending program recently approved by the association includes $167,000 for completing and furnishing the motel.

The motel is constructed of red brick which does not blend in with the granite buildings of the park.

The construction cost of $1.6 million represents a cost per unit of more than $18,000—exclusive of land costs.

A spokesman for the Atlanta Hotel Association said leading motel chains pay from $10,000 to $12,000 per unit for construction of a motel, including cost of land. He pointed out one first-class motel near downtown Atlanta which he said cost $7,000 per unit, exclusive of land.

So far the Stone Mountain Association has been unable to work out an acceptable leasing arrangement for the motel.

Gen. Harold R. Maddux, who succeeded Scott Candler as park manager a year ago, said the association may decide to operate the motel itself. However, he said it would be "extremely difficult to get enough tourist travel" diverted to the park to make the opening of the motel practicable "until we have better highway access."

Gen. Maddux said the circumferential highway, with its interstate connections, might have to be completed near the mountain before enough tourist trade could be diverted to justify operating the motel. No one seems to know when that will be.

McWhorter contends that all members of the association should have been aware that the motel was being built. He said, "It gripes me that they say they didn't know what was going on. I was only one of seven members of the association. They should try to keep up with what's going on."

He said the motel project was discussed at association meetings prior to construction, but the other members said it wasn't. The minutes of meetings show no mention of it.

Campbell and Fortson said the motel was "half to two-thirds" completed when they learned it was being built. Cook said "the foundation was well under way" when he first heard about it.

McWhorter said the association "approved all payments" on the construction project and should have known about it.

He said he made a "mistake" by negotiating a contract instead of letting it on low bid. But he said he was only doing what he thought was best for the park.

**'KICKED AROUND'**

"We were building out there under difficult conditions," McWhorter told a reporter, "but I did what I thought was best. I've been thoroughly investigated by Zack Cravey's grand jury in DeKalb County and the only thing they found wrong was that my wife operated one of the concessions at the park — at least that's all they put in the presentments. I don't deserve to be kicked around about it any longer."

McWhorter said, "Some of the things might have cost more money than they should have, but we worked hard out there and there has been damn little done since I left a year ago—and they've had more people working on it."

*(In Tuesday's Constitution: The Way Stone Mountain Used the Bid System.)*

# Surplus Fixtures Shock Manager

Of all the snafued conditions (to use a military slang term) that greeted Gen. Harold R. Maddux when he became the manager of Stone Mountain Memorial Park last year, none shocked him more than the 76 bidets ordered for the motel.

"I thought he was going to have a heart attack," declared Phil Campbell, chairman of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association.

"The general did get awfully excited," said former Chairman Matt McWhorter. "But it was a matter of opinion whether the bidets should have been installed."

(Bidets are douche basins, commonly found in European hotels, but seldom in U.S. hotels.)

**GOT INTO TROUBLE**

McWhorter said Maddux "told me about some general in the Philippines who got in a lot of trouble about putting a bidet in some officers' quarters."

In any event, Maddux ordered that construction workers to rip out two bidets which already had been installed. It cost $1,150 to remove them and repair the damage to the bathrooms.

Maddux tried to have the bidets returned, but the manufacturer, Kohler Company, refused to accept them.

**MADE TO ORDER**

The supplier wrote a letter saying, "These units were manufactured by special production, for our specific order. It is a very unpopular item with Kohler and only a few of each color are maintained in invetory."

Who ordered the bidets in the first place?

Hobert W. Aiken of Wise, Simpson, Aiken Associates, architects for the motel, said, "We didn't do it. We only did as we were told to do."

McWhorter, who was chairman at the time and handled the construction project for the association, said:

"It was the architects. It wasn't me."

**MCWHORTER EXPLAINS**

McWhorter added, however, that he did want a "first-class motel" and that he thought it was a matter of personal preferance whether bidets should be in the bathrooms.

On critic of the motel project, pointing out that bidets are practically unknown in this country, declared:

"My Gosh, nobody would know what they are and kids would be squirting water all over the ceiling."

The 76 bidets are now stored at Stone Mountain. Maddux says, "I hope we will be able to dispose of them."

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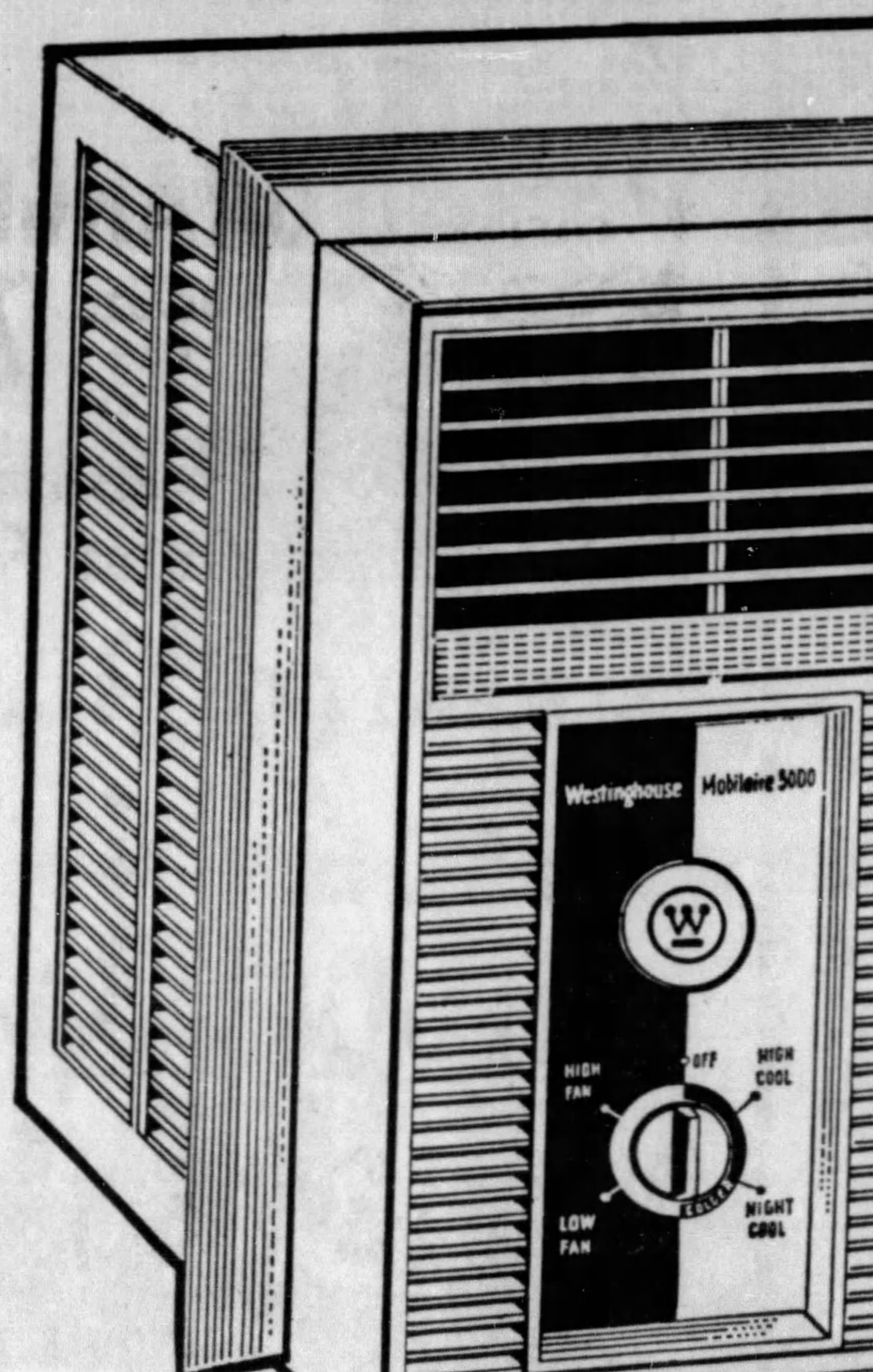


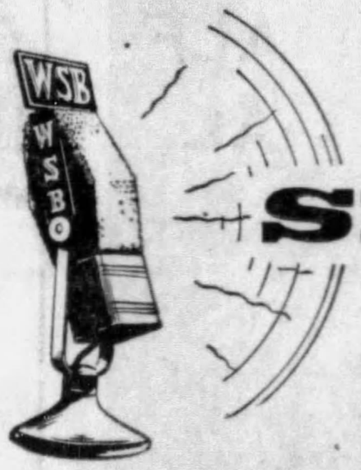


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SIGN ON

BY PHIL HARRISON

June, summer's first month, brings water sports to the forefront in Georgia. Despite the latter-day craze for fast boats and sporty skis, the biggest thing on water is

**Eugene Patterson**

# Have a Laugh; It's Only $11.2 Million

Webster's identifies the French noun "bidet," pronounced be-day, as a form of sitz bath." Georgia's taxpayers have gotten 76 of them at Stone Mountain. What in the world are they for? They are for the taxpayers' $1.6 million, all-vacancy motel at the mountain.

Did the state's public servants who are developing Stone Mountain know they were installing 76 sitz baths in the motel?

They didn't even know they were building a motel.

So here we sitz, Georgians.

The new man at the vacant motel doesn't even like bidets and they're stored, just going to waste.

For $11.2 million we have bought the world's emptiest six-month-old motel (grand opening delayed because nobody has built a road to it) overlooking the world's most unfinished memorial carving, which we are now in position to crown in sparkling display with the world's most memorable 76-burble fountain.

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Georgians have owned some remarkable properties in their time—gas savers, boats that wouldn't float for lakes that wouldn't hold water, horse feed for the lieutenant governor.

But for inspired purchasing, the Stone Mountain Memorial Assn. is rapidly moving to the head of the places in history.

The muddle at the mountain can have only one redeeming grace at this point: Write what has happened and emblazon it on bronze markers; incredulous world travelers would come flocking to read it and weep, and hail such a monumental mess as the genuine Eighth Wonder of the World.

Snug at the Sitzbath Hilton, served by the Gillis Freeway, the tourist horde would pay and pay to hear guides tell the story.

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There could be color slides showing what all the different sculptors wanted to do to decorate the mountain, and then a nature walk with hard hats under the carving to show how we're trying out a little of all of them.

The Stone Mountain Rail Road would chug to a halt and the kids would see, not an Indian fight, but Matt McWhorter and Scott Candler tomahawking each other while Zack Cravey galloped up with a posse of grand jurors.

Beside the reflecting pool that reflects nothing, alongside the mountaintop inn with nothing in it, Memorial Assn. Chairman Phil Campbell could pack 'em in from far and near by restaging the development meetings he and board members Cook, Fortson, Pilcher, Lyle and Pennington held, so as to show how they wrought this wonder.

Apparently, they satz.

## *Muddle at the Mountain*

# Prices Twice the Normal Rate Are Paid for Some Road Work

By JACK NELSON

Prices paid for some road and fill work at Stone Mountain State Park were two to three times higher than prices paid for similar work by the State Highway department, records show.

The Stone Mountain Memorial Association negotiated its contracts with Georgia Utilities Construction Co., headed by George Luther and Calvin T. Rutland, and Shepherd Construction Co., headed by Dan Shepherd.

Records show the association could have saved thousands of dollars—as much as $60,000 under one contract — if it had paid the prices which the State

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Highway department was paying under county contracts. Even more could have been saved by having some of the work done by the more than 100 convicts who make up the park's labor force.

The highway department sets its prices for county contracts by taking the average low bid for each item (for example, graded aggregate base course) from all contracts let under the bid system during the previous 60 days.

Records show that Georgia Utilities was paid $116,892 for working the fill on which the park's $1.6 million motel was built. The contract was negotiated on the basis of 60 cents per cubic yard of fill.

The fill work was done in September, October and November, 1962, when, according to records, the State Highway department was paying a little less than 28 cents per cubic yard for fill work.

(Stone Mountain Park itself does fill work with convict labor at a cost of 15 to 20 cents per cubic yard, according to Warden Hoke Smith.)

On Sept. 25, 1962, Shepherd Construction Co. got a purchasing order from the association for $106,770 in road work. The contract called for the payment

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## Muddle at the Mountain

# Road-Work Price Twice Usual Rate

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of $2,700 for 80,000 square yards of "mix, shape and roll base," at nine cents a square yard.

A State Highway engineer pointed out that "mix, shape and roll base" is priced on a mileage basis ($445 in September, 1962) in county contracts, but he pointed out that it figures out at three cents a square yard, based on a 24-foot wide road.

On Sept. 5, 1962, the association negotiated a contract with Shepherd calling for $43,826 worth of road work. This included 12,000 tons of graded aggregate base course at $3.57 per ton.

At that time the highway department's county contract prices were $3.23 per ton—or 34 cents per ton cheaper. This meant the material and work could have been done for $4,080 less under county contract prices.

### SCHEDULE OF BIDS

Records also show that Shepherd and two other paving firms —Kelly-Blount Asphalt Co. and E. Jack Smith—submitted bids on a road job at the park on Oct. 27, 1961. Although the association records do not contain copies of the bids, they contain a schedule of the bids, signed by George W. Tutan, who at the time was the park's construction engineer. Shepherd was listed as low bidder with a price of $36,975.56 for the total project. Kelly-Blount's bid was listed as $39,504.08 and Smith's as $50,489.

According to the record, Shepherd's bid included $5,335.56 for mix, shape and roll base at nine cents a square yard. Kelly-Blount figured it at 12 cents a square yard, or $7,114.08, and Smith at 28 cents or $16,599, according to the Tutan schedule.

At that time the county contract prices were about three cents a square yard.

Although Shepherd got the job on his proposal of $36,975.66, change orders boosted the total payments on the job to $65,896.

Shepherd Construction Co. has been paid a total of $408,465 for work on several projects at Stone Mountain since 1962.

### RECEIVED $413,931

Georgia Utilities has been paid $413,931 for work at the park during the same period.

Records at the park show that Shepherd and Georgia Utilities submitted competing proposals to remove and dispose of rubble under the present unfinished carving.

Their bids were the only ones received and one was more than twice as high as the other.

Shepherd got the purchase order with a proposal to do the work for 1.24 cubic yard of loose truck measurement and 98 cents per ton by scale weight for a total estimated cost of $165,138.24.

### $2.67 PER CUBIC YARD

Georgia Utilities submitted a bid of $2.67 per cubic yard measurement and $2 per ton, according to records. Calvin T. Rutland signed Georgia Utilities' proposal.

Although the purchase order for removing the rubble was signed Oct. 25, 1962, by Scott Candler, who was park manager then, the contract has never been implemented.

Gen. Harold Maddux, who succeeded Candler as manager last year, said that Shepherd has tried to activate the contract, but he has refused to authorize the work.

Maddux said Walker Hancock, sculptor who has the contract to supervise completion of the carving, has advised that the rubble should not be moved. Hancock was quoted as saying that some of the rubble would be useful for sculpturing in the area to be developed between the carving and Memorial Hall.

### VALID CONTRACT

Maddux said he has been advised by the park's attorney, Gus Barksdale, that if the rubble is to be removed, Shepherd has a valid contract for its removal.

Records at the park show that Candler wrote a letter Oct. 31, 1962, to Dan Shepherd saying:

"I attach here to a purchase order for the removal of the stone at the foot of the present carving.

"Remember I told you that Mr. McWhorter said we could start to removing this stone and it may be that when we get nearly to the bottom somebody might want to stop you but you need not stop until you hear from us."

(Matt McWhorter was chairman of the association at the time.)

Shepherd's last contract with the associaton, executed after Phil Campbell became chairman, was for $202,204. Work under it is in progress. Records show Shepherd submitted a low bid compared to these proposals: Kelly-Blount, $211,480; Keheley Co., $223,259 McDougal-Warren, $237,805; McIntosh Paving Co., $242,107.

A record at the park shows that Luther Construction Co., which lists the same address as Georgia Utilities, was awarded a contract to install water mains on a low bid of $19,667.30. George O. Luther is head of both firms and Calvin T. Rutland is vice president of Georgia Utilities. Rutland Contracting Co., headed by Calvin Rutland, submitted a bid of $20,208.50, according to a memorandum dated May 6, 1963 and signed by Tutan, the park engineer.

The memo also lists bids of $19,716 by Joseph P. Cothran Jr. of Masonic Temple Building, Decatur, and $21,313.70 by Concrete Construction Co. the only bid attached to the memo is the one from Luther Construction Co.

A letter dated May 8, 1963, from Candler to Tutan said the contract had been awarded to Luther.

Records show that payments were made to Georgia Utilities for doing most of the work under the contract.

### CONTRACT FOR GRADING

One of the negotiated contracts handled by Georgia Utilities was for grading at the site of the plantation. A November 9, 1961, letter from Candler to Tutan suggested that the engineer negotiate with Luther and Rutland for work around the plantation. The letter declared:

"We have so much to do that we thought it would be a good idea if you would grub the area (apparently with convict labor) and then make a trade on a force account with George Luther and Calvin Rutland to level up the ground and get it in shape for . . . planting."

Records show payments of $14,161 to Georgia Utilities for work at the plantation.

### 7 PER CENT FEE

Barge and Co. built the plantation development at the park under a cost-plus-fee contract. Minutes of an Aug. 14, 1961 meeting of the association show that McWhorter announced that Barge was "doing the construction work for the plantation project and the fee is 7 per cent." James Means got the architectural contract for 8 per cent of construction cost. Total cost of the project was about $750,000.

Cube Construction Co. built the building on top of the mountain, including the reflection pool, on a cost-plus-$40,000-fee basis. Total cost, including the fee and an architect's fee of $41,714 was $736,955.

McWhorter said the mountaintop job had to be negotiated because no one was interested in bidding on it. He said the problem of transporting materials and equipment discouraged any bidding.

While constructing the building on the mountain top Cube also built for the park a "halfway" house or resting station on the path to the top. This cost $25,160, plus an engineering fee of $1,364 and architect's fee of $1,509.

Cube also built the West Gate Development, including Confederate Hall, which houses the Civil War battle map room and administration offices of the association. Total construction cost, not including a $26,476 architect's fee, was $441,272. Cube had been awarded the contract on a low bid of $381,764, but change orders totaled $58,508.

Other bidders on the West Gate contract were Van Winkle and Co., $394,458 and O'Neil and Dunham, $410,246.

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# Sen. Conway Asks State Probe of Stone Mtn. Park

## High Court Kills Ban on NAACP

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court Monday ordered Alabama to lift its ban against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It threatened to intervene if the order is not carried out.

The do-it-yourself-or-we-will decision was unanimous, climaxing an eight-year court battle that saw the case brought before the high court four times.

**ALL STEPS**

Speaking for the court, Justice John M. Harlan told the Alabama State Supreme Court that it must take "all steps necessary" to allow the NAACP to do business within the state. If it fails to, Harlan said, the NAACP can ask the Supreme Court "for further appropriate relief."

Alabama contended that the NAACP had no right to operate in the state because it had failed to register as an out-of-state-corporation.

The Negro organization admitted this, but contended the law did not apply to it.

In 1956 it did offer to register, but permission was denied by a state court.

**NOT CONSIDERED**

The last time the case came before the Alabama court it was not considered on its merits because that tribunal said the NAACP brief was not in order.

Harlan dismissed the state's argument about the NAACP's brief, saying he found the argument "wholly unacceptable."

In other major decisions, the court:

1. Reversed a Florida Supreme Court ruling on Bible reading and the Lord's Prayer in public schools. In a brief, unsigned opinion, the court cited its decision of last term that devotional exercises of this kind are forbidden by the Constitution. A group of Miami parents also had objected to baccalaureate programs that include prayers and the questioning of school children about their religious affiliation. The court dismissed the complaints "for want of properly presented federal questions."

**OATHS STRICKEN**

2. Struck down two oaths required by state employes in Washington state. Speaking for the seven-man majority, Justice Byron R. White said the vague language of the oaths offends the Constitution's guarantee of due process of law. Challenged by employes of the University of Washington at Seattle, one oath is for teachers; the other for all state employes. The court contended that both oaths were so vaguely worded that they might prevent a teacher from criticizing the state courts, or the foreign aid program.

'VITALLY IMPORTANT'
Sen. H. McKinley Conway

## Asian Talks Relaxed by Laos' Calm

By MAX FRANKEL
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HONOLULU — High U.S. officials began a two-day strategy conference on Southeast Asia Monday with a somewhat diminished sense of urgency about the situation in Laos.

A lull in the military sparring among the rival Laotian factions, at least for the moment, has tended to reduce the interest of the U.S. officials in hasty countermeasures, none of which had been contemplated with much enthusiasm.

They hope now to stretch over a longer period of time a program of less dramatic political and military moves designed to combat doubts about Washington's commitment to the region—and especially to South Viet Nam.

Concurrently they hope to prepare themselves and President Lyndon Johnson for a faster reaction to any further deterioration of non-Communist positions there.

The nation's highest diplomatic and military officials, led by Secretary of State Dean

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## 2 Escape Reds And Air Crash

SCHEIBBS, Austria (AP)—Two Hungarian brothers crash-landed their light plane near here Monday after a daring night escape from Communist Hungary across the radar-studded Iron Curtain border.

Peter Hodi, 19, and his brother Istvan, 17, were injured when the plane cut a power line and went down in a cornfield about 60 miles southwest of Vienna.

## Proposes Inquiry By Board

By SAM HOPKINS

An investigation by the Bowdoin Commission of reported "financial irregularities" at Stone Mountain memorial park was urged by DeKalb Sen. H. McKinley (Mac) Conway Monday on the floor of the Senate.

The proposal came after the first two of a series of articles on park projects being written by Atlanta Constitution reporter Jack Nelson.

The articles report how more than $11 million has been spent on the projects — some of which are lying idle — and how most members of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association weren't aware of some of the expenditures which they were supposed to be supervising.

**SANDERS WAITS STUDY**

Gov. Carl Sanders declined comment for "a few days" on the proposal for an investigation until he has more time to read and study Nelson's series of articles.

Sen. Conway introduced a resolution Monday calling for the probe by the Governor's Commission on Efficiency and Economy in Government (the Bowdoin Commission).

The resolution calls on the commission to "recommend proper action at the earliest possible moment."

**TOURISTS MECCA**

Sen. Conway stated in the resolution that the Stone Mountain project "is vitally important to the development of tourism in the state and promises to contribute greatly to Georgia's economy."

He urged the investigation because the state "has invested large sums of money in improvements" and because there "have recently been published reports of financial irregularities in the administration of the park."

Conway asked that the Senate delay voting on his proposal until Tuesday morning after only 26 senators answered the vote call. Twenty-eight votes are needed to pass the resolution.

**PROPOSES SENATE PROBE**

Sen. Culver Kidd of Milledgeville said the Bowdoin Commission might not have the authority to get to the root of the situation at the mountain park, and suggested that the investigation should be done by the Senate Committee for Economy, Reorganization and Efficiency in Government.

This is a committee set up by Lt. Gov. Peter Zack Geer. It is headed by Sen. John Gayner of Brunswick.

The Milledgeville senator declared that "everyone of us is disturbed" at the reports of irregularities in connection with the Stone Mountain memorial projects.

# *Why This Mess at Stone Mountain? What's Going to Be Done About It?*

The initial facts gathered by Jack Nelson of this newspaper make it abundantly clear that Stone Mountain State Park is being built the easy way for contractors and the hard way for taxpayers, and that government overseers of the project have not been seeing to their jobs.

When negotiated contracts award two to three times as much money for road and fill work as the State Highway Department pays, why?

When a $1.6 million motel is built without the knowledge of most members of the government board responsible for spending the money, why?

And when the motel at the base of the mountain, and an expensive restaurant building atop it, stand vacant and unused for months, the taxpayers have a right to begin asking who made this mess with their money.

Certainly we do not wish this project ill. This newspaper supported development of the mountain. Georgians need it as a great park for themselves and as a first class generator of tourist business. The metropolitan Atlanta area can be especially well served by it. We speak as supporters of the mountain's development, interested in seeing the job done well.

But there is no point in pretending that the job has been done well and efficiently to date. The situation that Mr. Nelson is reporting amounts to a fiasco. Unless the waste, poor planning and ineffective management can be remedied forthwith, a multi-million-dollar debacle is in the making.

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*Fair*

Fair and warm in Atlanta Wednesday and Thursday. Extremes predicted: 56 to 82 Wednesday, 58 and 84 Thursday. Tuesday's extremes: 59 and 81.

# Goldwater Appears Winner

## *Sanders Calls for Stone Mountain Probe*

**RALPH McGILL**

### *Anatomy of the Wallace Vote*

Washington Notes: President Johnson's bold move toward implementing the full potential of the Marshall Plan as an instrument for a world able, and willing, to maintain peace, was made in Virginia. (The occasion was the dedication of the George C. Marshall Research Library at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.) His strongest urging for enactment of civil rights legislation as the basis for domestic peace that will enable the nation to move forward, was delivered at Atlanta and Gainesville, Georgia, on the concluding day of Mr. Johnson's recent tour of Southern Appalachia. There are signs that the nation, including the South, is listening.

It is fantastic, and past belief, that Mr. George Wallace will be able to take Alabama out of the course of national direction and keep it there for any great period of time. His control may approach that of the late Huey Long, but, in time, it will become impossible and intolerable, as did that of the Kingfish. Mississippi is a closed society beyond comprehension of those unfamiliar with the depth of control exercised by the White Citizens Councils. Top leadership of this state-wide organization, which calls secrecy its greatest weapon, was active behind the scenes in Gov. Wallace's campaigns in Wisconsin, Indiana and Maryland.

#### *Disaster and Defeat*

But even at this moment of seeming success in those three states, it is obvious to those in education, banking and corporate business in Alabama and Mississippi that the end of the Wallace-White Citizens Council policy is disaster and defeat. Common sense lets us know that in time these two states must join the national direction.

An examination of the Maryland vote has been made. It reveals that, while Gov. Wallace's support of course included those most disturbed by the legislation in the Congress, it also included many other factions that were grouped about other issues. The breakdown of the Maryland vote shows this very clearly.

Sen. Brewster was the primary stand-in for President Johnson in Maryland. If the Wallace voters were a negative force representing a white "back-lash", it would follow that local segregationist candidates would do as well. Yet, the facts show that Gov. Wallace was the only segregationist to do well.

#### *Eighth Place*

In Maryland's heavily Democratic Fifth District, which included the strong Wallace area of southern Maryland, there was a Wallace candidate for Congress. He ran eighth. He lost by more than four to one to Harvey Machen. Machen is a member of the Maryland legislature. He had voted for the state public accommodations bill.

In populous Montgomery County and the rest of the Sixth District, Republican Representative Charles Mathias defeated Brent Bozell, who was supported by the Birch-type elements. The Democrats of that district nominated another outspoken supporter of civil rights, Royce Hanson.

In Prince George County Wallace took 50 per cent of the vote, yet Maryland White Citizens Council's president came in last among 23 candidates for the Democratic State Convention from that county. Winning candidates to the state meeting were mainly followers of strong civil rights candidate Joseph Tydings, who won an upset victory for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

In other words there was no convincing evidence of the back-lash at the local, grass roots level. There were many elements in the Wallace vote. He is not becoming a Southern "leader." Lyndon Johnson's honest, common sense leadership grows stronger.

## Legislators Ready to Act Today

### Governor Places Funds in Escrow

By REG MURPHY
Constitution Political Editor

Gov. Carl Sanders asked at a press conference Tuesday for a full-scale investigation of operations at Stone Mountain State Park. Both the Senate and House indicated they will approve the probe Wednesday.

Sanders said a 10-member legislative committee should report "to the General Assembly, to me, and to the people at the earliest possible time."

There was extensive legislative in-fighting over who would investigate the spending of $11 million at the mountain thus far.

**SENATE WAITS**

The Senate agreed to wait until Wednesday to approve the proposed investigation after Sen. Culver Kidd of Milledgeville suggested the Senate's Committee on Economy, Efficiency and Reorganization should handle it.

In the House, there was a delay while the administration's leaders prepared a resolution. Rep. Jones Lane originally asked for an investigation by the Bowdoin Commission, but agreed to a one-day delay for the administration to prepare its resolution.

**GOVERNOR EXPLAINS**

Sanders told his press conference in a formal statement that the situation requires "careful and immediate attention." He said the mountain is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Legislature.

Sanders also asked, in his statement, that funds from the sale of any more Stone Mountain bonds "be held in escrow by the authority until this inquiry and its findings and recommendations have been completed."

Meanwhile, Mills B. Lane Jr., a member of the Stone Mountain Authority, called for "reorganization" of the administrative structure.

Lane said in a statement that time has shown "the elected public officials who serve on the board and make up a majority of its membership simply do not have the time to give" to administer the park.

**TOO MANY BOARDS**

"Besides already having full-time responsibilities, they have been put on too many boards and authorities of various kinds," Lane added.

Members of the authority include the agriculture commissioner, Public Service Commission chairman, secretary of state and attorney general.

Sanders told his press conference he had made only two appointments to the authority, Lane and Julius A. McCurdy of Decatur.

The governor told a questioner

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Associated Press Wirephoto

Gov. Carl Sanders Announces Probe

## *U.S. Hints Action Against Viet Reds*

HONOLULU (AP) — U.S. officials strongly hinted Tuesday military action might be taken against Communist North Viet Nam if it and Red China continue to back rebellions in Laos and South Viet Nam.

But these officials, winding up a two-day strategy session on Southeast Asia, said that so far Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara have not proposed a plan "to enlarge the war to the north."

They told newsmen, "The future is something else, depending on how things develop" and what the other side does.

This was the clearest indication yet that serious thought is being given to possible counteraction against the North Viet Nam.

Officials carefully drew a distinction between plans formally approved by the President and contingency planning at a lower government level in the event action might be indicated later.

Earlier in the day, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in Washington that "I know of no plans that have been made" to carry the anti-guerrilla war in South

*Johnson denies that war will be carried to North Viet Nam. Story on Page 2.*

Viet Nam into the Communist north from which much support for the guerrillas has been flowing.

The officials in effect agreed with Johnson that no plan has been placed before him.

But one official noted "it is the duty of the Department of Defense and the State Department to box the compass," that is, to plan for all possible contingencies.

"Contingency planning is quite different from a plan approved by the President," they said.

It was recalled to newsmen that Rusk recently made a pointed speech in which he warned that continued Communist incursions in South Viet Nam could result in expanding the war.

Discussions of the extent to which the United States might

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## Sun Will Bring 2 Days in 80s

A couple of nice days are ahead for Atlantans. The U.S. Weather Bureau says it will be fair and warm Wednesday and Thursday. There is no rain in sight.

Temperatures Wednesday are expected to range from a low of 56 to a high of 82, and Thursday from 58 to 84. Tuesday's extremes were 59 and 81.

## House Gets Overhauled Vote Code

### Committee Okays A Single Primary

By ACHSAH POSEY

The House Judiciary Committee turned the proposed election code over to the whole House Tuesday after making several major changes in controversial areas of the Senate version.

The committee:

1. Adopted a lengthened literacy test more difficult than the Senate version, but simpler than the current one for voter registration.

2. Unanimously approved a single primary date, the second Tuesday in September, for all political parties.

**SECRECY LIFTED**

3. Removed a Senate provision that would have made it illegal to make the results of election fraud investigations public, thereby making the results of contested elections a secret.

4. Added races for county commissioners to the requirement that all elections must be decided by majority vote. The Senate had excepted county governing authorities in counties with more than one commissioner.

After considerable discussion the committee voted down an attempt to strike a section of the code prohibiting the use by a voter in the voting booth of any memoranda not in his handwriting or that of a member of his family.

**SOME BUGS REMAIN**

Committee Chairman George Busbee of Doughterty told the House "you can't rely on the committee" to have gotten all the bugs out of the code.

"We tried to point out the problem areas," he said, but added the committee had not made a detailed, section-by-section study of the code. "We wanted to get it to you quickly so the House could have plenty

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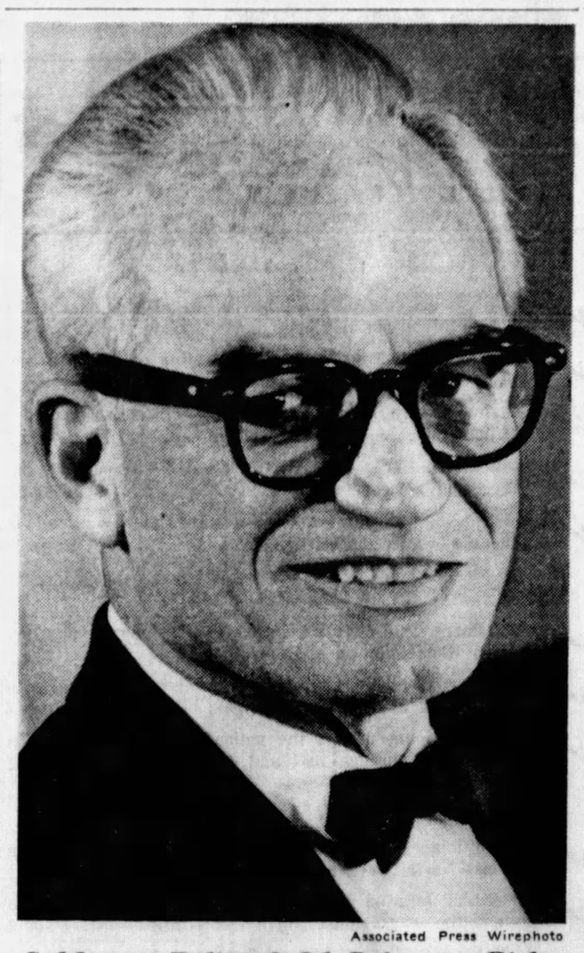
### *An Orly Survivor Seeks for the Answer*

"I couldn't understand why 130 people were killed and I was not . . . I felt guilty for being alive . . ."

So Francoise Authie Pardes, one of two Air France hostesses who survived the June 3, 1962 Orly Airport plane crash, describes her emotions two years later. In a story written especially for The Constitution from Bordeaux, the hostess recalls the tragedy and her life since.

You won't want to miss "Stewardess Believes She Was Spared At Orly for Her Marriage, Happy Home," on page 23.



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Goldwater Believed 86 Delegates Richer

## *It's Goldwater, GOP Leaders Say*

By JAMES RESTON
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LOS ANGELES—The conservative wing of the Republican party, denied the presidential nomination for a generation under Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, now seems reasonably sure of capturing it in 1964 under Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

A quick check of influential Republican leaders after Goldwater's apparent defeat of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York here Tuesday night emphasized these points:

1. Goldwater has a solid first-ballot commitment of about 540 delegate votes and with California's 86, he has 626 — just short of the 655 needed to nominate.

**PROS FEEL SURE**

2. The pros feel that there are enough available delegates — or delegates that can be made available in the next 40 days—in the normally conservative Republican Middle West to put Goldwater over.

3. There will be a major effort behind the scenes to block this drift to the front-running Goldwater, but neither Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania nor Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts has shown any eagerness to play any part in a stop-Goldwater movement.

**JOHNSON AGREES**

It was understood late Tuesday night that President Lyndon B. Johnson also interprets Tuesday's results in California in this same way, and is now inclined to assume that Goldwater will be his opponent in the November election.

Goldwater surprised the pollsters, and most of the reporters, including this one, who thought he would lose in California to Rockefeller, but he still predicted these would be a "greater and greater stop-Goldwater movement" between now and the Republican convention in San Francisco starting July 13.

No doubt this is true. The ideological split in the party has not been healed but accentuated

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## Rockefeller Loser, Say Computers

### Believed on Way To Close Victory

By JACK BELL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Sen. Barry Goldwater held a consistent lead Tuesday night in the vote count from the California GOP presidential primary, which he apparently had won on the basis of electronic projections.

The Columbia Broadcasting System, with 74 per cent of the estimated 2,000,000 votes tabulated, gave Goldwater 792,337 and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller 726,710.

Rockefeller, appearing on television, congratulated Goldwater on his showing but declined to concede defeat in the contest for the state's 86 presidential nominating votes.

**'SHOW ISN'T OVER'**

"The show isn't over yet," Rockefeller said.

NBC predicted on the basis of its electronic voter analysis that Goldwater would wind up with 51 per cent of the total vote, expected to reach about 2 million.

Earlier both CBS and ABC gave the victory to Goldwater.

Goldwater, whose bid for the nomination to oppose President Lyndon B. Johnson in November would be given a tremendous boost by acquiring California's backing, told a Los Angeles news conference. That his was "a victory for the mainstream of Republican thinking."

**FIRED-UP MOVEMENT**

"I have never in all the political years of my life seen such a fired-up, grass roots movement," he said. That's what wins campaigns and that's what will beat Lyndon B. Johnson."

Even with California's 86 votes, Goldwater said he still has "a ways to go" to attain the 655 votes that will be needed at the San Francisco convention next month for the nomination.

Whatever the final outcome, Goldwater appeared to have escaped any major damage to his cause in crucial California. Even if he lost in the ultimate count-down, it would be by such

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**Muddle at the Mountain**

# *2 Concessionaires Given Changes in Contracts*

By JACK NELSON

Two major conessionaires have successfully negotiated contract changes in their favor since first signing contracts with the Stone Mountain Memorial Association.

Records show the contract

*Fourth of a Series*

changes took place last year. Yet only last week the association voted to check on the legality of changing any contracts before acting on requests of several other concessionaires.

Berlo of Georgia, Inc. and Stone Mountain Airways, Inc., both represented by Atlanta attorney Lamar Sizemore, had their lease payments reduced on June 25, 1963, after Sizemore argued their case at an association meeting.

Berlo, which has the food concessions at all Stone Mountain Park locations where leases do not already cover food operations, negotiated its contract on Dec. 26, 1961.

Last year the association agreed to extend the contract from 10 to 20 years and to reduce payments (based on gross sales) from 10 per cent on food and 20 per cent on novelties to a flat 10 per cent on all sales.

On Sept. 1, 1960, Herbert W. Fishler and D. C. Land of Fernandina Beach, Fla., negotiated the contract for Stone Mountain Airways to operate the sky-lift. The contract called for lease payments based on gross sales as follows: 10 per cent of the first $100,000; 15 per cent on the next $150,000; 20 per cent on the next $500,000, and 25 per cent on all over $750,000.

The association last year agreed to reduce the rates to this scale: 10 per cent of the first $250,000; 15 per cent on the next $250,000; 20 per cent on the next $500,000, and 25 per cent on all over $1,000,000.

The reduction amounts to $32,500 a year on gross sales of a million dollars.

Other changes in the contract provide:

1. That Stone Mountain Airways shall have the right to elect to operate any competing facility (including helicopter trips to the mountain top) "on substantially the same terms and conditions as any third person having reasonable capability to perform might offer in good faith to the association."

2. That in the event parking and rest room facilities initially furnished by the association shall be inadequate after operation of the airlift commences, "upon demand by Airways the association shall furnish additional parking space and rest room facilities."

Stone Mountain Airways and Stone Mountain Scenic Railroad Inc. each has invested almost a million dollars in building the facilities they operate. And both have been losing money.

D. C. Land, one of the Airways owners, said his firm showed an operating deficit of $43,000 last year.

The railroad has urged the association to both approve an increase in fares and eliminate an advertising expenditure called for in its contract.

Since last September the railroad has sought increases in fares from $1.60 to $2 for adults and from 93 cents to $1 for children.

A. H. McAfee, executive vice president of the railroad, wrote a letter to the association last November in which he said:

"We feel that it is impossible to make a profit for the next few years at the present rate of ticket prices."

In the meantime, the railroad was issuing additional stock. This prompted Mills Lane Jr., an Atlanta banker who was named to the association last year, to write chairman Phil Campbell that he was disturbed over the "severe financial condition" of the company.

"In the light of its financial plight," Lane wrote, "it now seems unwise for the associa-

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# Goldwater Claims California

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a narrow margin that it could not be said his conservative views had been repudiated.

In a Democratic contest that drew major attention, Pierre Salinger, former White House press secretary, appeared to be headed for victory in his fight with state controller Alan Cranston for the Democratic senatorial nomination.

Former actor George Murphy was walking away with the Republican nomination for the November battle to fill the seat of ailing Democratic Sen. Clair Engle. Murphy's chief foe, financier Leland Kaiser, conceded defeat.

In New York, Rep. Charles A. Buckley, a democrat and chairman of the House Public Works Committee, was defeated for renomination in by reform candidate, Jonathan B. Bingham.

In other primary elections across the nation:

—Sen. John C. Stennis and five house members won renomination in Mississippi's Democratic primary. Stennis easily defeated Mrs. Victoria Gray, a Negro.

—Rep. Carl Elliott, target of conservative opposition, was fighting for his political life in Alabama's Democratic runoff primary for Congress. Voters chose eight of the nine candidates who earlier had won district primaries. With the low man eliminated, the eight survivors will be the Democratic House candidates in an at-large election in November. Elliott and state Sen. John Tyson were locked in a nip-and-tuck battle for the eighth spot. Elliott was seeking nomination to his ninth term.

URGES REORGANIZATION
Mills B. Lane Jr.

# Governor Asks Probe Of Park

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he doubts the 10-member legislative committee can complete its report during the current extraordinary session of the General Assembly.

But he said he thinks the members "should limit themselves only to what it is proper for them to investigate" and that he thinks they should be able to go back as far as they think necessary into the operations.

The proposed investigation was triggered by reporter Jack Nelson's continuing series in The Constitution on the handling of funds and contracts at the park.

**SENATORS AGREE**

Sens. Mac Conway of DeKalb and Brooks Pennington of Monroe agreed to the suggestion for a legislative investigation.

Conway originally offered a resolution calling for a study by the Bowdoin Commission.

Pennington had advanced a proposal for another investigation but his proposal never reached the floor of the Senate.

Conway told Sanders, "We are delighted you have moved (into the investigation). There is an evident need for a study from the standpoint of legislation, management and violations of law."

**ACCUSATIONS NOTED**

Conway and Pennington's resolution said there have been "certain accusations and innuendos" printed about the mountain. The Kidd resolution noted that more than $10 million in bonds and expenditures have been made at the mountain.

In the House, meanwhile, Rep. Jones Lane said, "If we are spending as much money as we are spending out there, we should certainly know that every penny is spent properly."

Lane said there would have been no reason to allocate an additional $300,000 for Stone Mountain last January if the money already there had been spent more wisely.

**BRANCH COMMENDED**

He added that Rep. Frank Branch of Tift, chairman of the House State Institutions and Properties Committee, already has done a great deal to increase public awareness of the laxity of handling state property.

Assistant Floor Leader George Busbee agreed that Branch had done a good deal, and added, "I know that you, like myself, want this investigated."

He said, however, it would be well to get agreement with the Senate on a central investigation that would coordinate the activities. There was a broad suggestion that Branch may head up the House phase of the investigation.

Members of the special committee would be picked by House Speaker George T. Smith and Lt. Gov. Peter Zack Geer.

# Goldwater In '64, Say GOP Chiefs

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by this campaign. But former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who has had a quiet alliance with Goldwater in California, cannot now oppose him, and the Arizonan will go into the nominating convention with such a long lead in delegate votes that few of his Republican opponents are likely to risk an open movement to defeat him.

Ohio and Wisconsin are now critical for Goldwater. Both state delegations are committed to favorite-sons—Ohio to Gov. James Rhodes (58 votes) and Wisconsin (30 votes) to Rep. John W. Byrnes.

It is known that in both of these delegations Goldwater has powerful support and the pressure will be on the Ohio governor and the Wisconsin representative to release enough delegates to put the Arizonan over.

The politicians were watching the margin of Goldwater's lead with great attention all through the night. For while they agreed early in the evening that he was going to win, they felt that the margin of his victory was extremely important.

As Meade Alcorn of Connecticut, former Republican national chairman, said, "if Goldwater wins 51 per cent of the vote or less, it's a wide open convention."

It seemed reasonably sure at midnight that he would have just about 51 per cent. But even so, for the reasons stated above, other prominent Republicans were inclined to agree that it was unlikely that he could be stopped.

In some ways President Johnson has been a better prophet about the Republican race than many other observers. He has been saying since last Easter that he thought the senator was concentrating where he was strong and that more than likely he would be nominated.

# 2 Concessionaires Granted Changes

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tion to have continued to allow the railroad to have a little building right by the station with an office to sell stock to one and all."

McAfee, in a letter for the railroad last January, requested that the association forego collection of the advertising fee called for under the contract. The fee is supposed to be 5 per cent of gross sales.

McAfee wrote, "We feel that this would not only be fair, but would help us get over the financial hump, which we find ourselves facing after two years of operating at a loss."

The association has refused to forego collection of the fee, which was due in the amount of $20,249 last January, but it has deferred collection until next January.

The plight of the railroad and some of the other concessionaires who have been losing money has been largely the result of the haphazard development of the park, coupled with the fact that the traffic situation in the Stone Mountain area is atrocious.

Gen. Harold H. Maddux, who succeeded Scott Candler as park manager a year ago, wrote a memorandum Feb. 5, 1964, blaming the association for the plight of the concessionaires. In the memo to chairman Campbell, Maddux declared:

"There is abundant evidence to show that planning and programming of actions at the Park over the past years has been very poor and has contributed materially to the financial difficulties of our concessionaires. The concessionaires were assured that the Park would be in full operation, with full promotion and advertising by the spring of 1963.

"Several of the concessionaires were coerced into going into business prematurely. This has cost them money . . ."

The memo by Maddux mentioned that the association had a "very great responsibility to assist the Stone Mountain Railroad to survive."

Maddux wrote that all of the contracts with concessionaires "probably . . . need to be renegotiated — certainly that of the Railroad needs this. It is so poorly written that it even lacks definition as to the . . . bounds of the area which they have under lease. It specifies rates to be charged over a long period of years without recognition of the inflation factor which has been a part of our economy for a long time."

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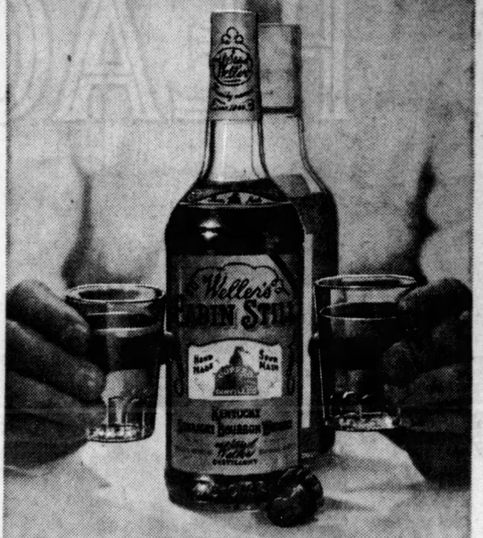


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# Sanders Takes Right Course Toward Learning What's Wrong at Mountain

Gov. Carl Sanders has moved with praiseworthy speed on exactly the right course to investigate the muddle at Stone Mountain.

The Legislature created the authority that is supposed to be managing development of the state park; so a joint legislative committee is the right body to inquire into the obvious failures of management.

The Attorney General could hardly do the job; the Attorney General is a member of the authority.

The Bowdoin Commission might have done it. But it's busy, and besides: The governor and the Legislature can't expect to load every problem onto the commission or it will turn into an overloaded catchall and lose effect.

A blue ribbon group from House and Senate is the proper body to diagnose any miscarriages of the responsibility which the Legislature delegated.

Neither the governor nor the Legislature made the mess. But they cannot escape responsibility for making repairs.

It is especially good news for the taxpayers that Sanders has called for a freeze in escrow of any more proceeds from sale of bonds until the runaway spending for obscure ends can be harnessed.

Rational development of the Stone Mountain State Park will be of great value to the state. But some parts of the project seem to have gotten completely out of hand in a multi-million-dollar botch-up. The reasons for past blunders, as well as repairs for future progress, both require the "careful and immediate attention" that Gov. Sanders called for.

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## *Muddle at the Mountain*

# $30,000 'Crazy House' Proposed by Hartsfield

By JACK NELSON

Former Atlanta Mayor William B. Hartsfield last year proposed putting a "Crazy House" at Stone Mountain Park as a tourist attraction.

Although Hartsfield's idea never got beyond the talking stages, the fact that it was advanced indicates the amusement park atmosphere that has emerged from the helter-skelter rush to turn Stone Mountain into a commercial mecca of tourism and fun-seeking.

Minutes of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association show that in January, 1963, Scott Candler, who then was park manager, reported that Hartsfield "is interested in building a 'Crazy House' . . . which would cost approximately $30,000." The association voted to ask Hartsfield to make a detailed proposal at the next meeting, but nothing more was heard from the plan.

*Last of a Series*

Now the association is planning to charge Georgians an admission fee to enter the park their tax money has been building. This comes at a time when many taxpayers already are complaining of high prices at the park and at least one major concessionnaire (the railroad) is asking for a big price increase.

Most of this seems foreign to the original intent of the 1958 legislative act creating the Stone Mountain Memorial Association. The association was supposed to develop a suitable memorial to the Confederacy, including completion of the unfinished carv-

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# STONE MOUNTAIN: $30,000 Crazy House for Park Proposed by Hartsfield

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ing on the north face of the mountain.

The association is now eight years old and the carving is as unfinished as it was more than three decades ago when Augustus Lukeman's attempt to complete it ended in failure. The first attempt had been made in 1923 by Gutzon Borglum.

The carving consists of the nearly complete bust of Robert E. Lee and the rough outline of Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson and Lee's horse Traveler.

The association finally got around to signing a contract on Jan. 16, 1964, with a sculptor to advise on the completion of the carving and the development of a memorial area between the carving and Memorial Hall. The association is not sure when either the carving or the memorial area will be completed.

Hancock will serve in an advisory capacity to be responsible for the aesthetic considerations of the carving. For this he is paid a per diem not to exceed $200 with total payments not to exceed $10,000.

He also is responsible for creating a model for development of the memorial area. The contract includes a maximum fee of $25,000 for the model. The association does not know whether it will use the model.

Hancock's contract sets no firm deadline for him to submit the model. It stipulates that if by Jan. 1, 1966, no "preliminary model" has been accepted by the association, the sculptor and the association "shall determine whether it is their mutual desire that he continue further studies and, if so, under what conditions."

**FUNDS FOR COMPLETION**

A spending program adopted by the association last week in connection with a new $5 million bond issue includes a million dollars for completion of the carving. (No funds are provided for the sculpturing that would be done for the memorial area.)

Of the million dollars, $516,780 is earmarked for salaries of an 11-man crew to do the actual carving. The salaries are projected for three years.

George Weiblen has been retained by the association to supervise and help carry out the carving. His salary is set at $150 a day. Other salaries include $150 a day for a lead carver; $65 for a lead cutter; $45 for each of four cutters; $35 for a rigger; $30 for each of two other riggers, and $20 for a ground man.

Weiblen presently is receiving pay of $50 a day for supervising the construction of an elevator and metal scaffolds which will be used in the carving.

Gen. Harold R. Maddux, park manager, says the carving probably will begin late this month. It should be completed by the fall of 1967, he said.

Meanwhile, even though the association insists the park is not officially open, several concessionaires have begun operations, some as long ago as two years.

A family of five recently went to the park and spent $23.90 on the three rides — train, sky-lift and boat — and tours of the Plantation, the Antique Auto Museum and the Game Ranch.

Because the road signs in the park were so haphazard and the traffic so congested, it required seven hours to take the rides and make the tours, with only a brief time for lunch.

The cost for a man, his wife and three children to spend a day at the mountain included $5.99 for a train ride around the mountain; $5.99 for a sky-lift ride to the mountain top; $2.05 for a short boat ride; $4.50 to tour the plantation; $2.55 to tour the antique auto museum, and $2.82, including food for animals, to tour the game ranch.

Although the association has authority to control the quality of souvenirs offered at the park, many cheap items are sold there. At the Game Ranch a 59 cents mark on the lenses of sunglasses had been covered with a 79 cents mark. A glob of material that was supposed to be a replica of Stone Mountain was priced at a dollar.

R. B. Grosvenor, a toy firm president, says he tried to sell the railroad's gift shop some quality, Georgia-made products but was told the shop was only interested in Japanese-imported items on which a "300 per cent profit" could be made.

**ECONOMIC STUDY**

An economic study of Stone Mountain Park, completed in January, 1964, brought out that "a major problem exists in that many of the facilities . . . are operated by concessionaires rather than by the association. The average visitor will not be aware of this and will tend to judge the park as a totality. Failure on the part of any concessionaire to adhere to the highest standards of quality will be harmful to the total image of the park."

The study, conducted by the University of Georgia's Bureau of Business Research, cost the association more than $3,000.

Yet the report, which was delivered in January, has never been discussed at an association meeting. Chairman Phil Campbell said his full-time duties as Agriculture Commissioner have kept him too busy to read the report. He referred the report to Gen. Maddux, the full-time park manager.

Gen. Maddux said he found several sections of the lengthy report interesting, but he said it generally was of little value to the park. Most of the problems the report pinpoints were already known, he said, and most of the projections of the park's economic potentials contained too many assumptions, some of which he said were unsound.

**MAJOR PROBLEMS**

In any event, the report did strike hard at some of the major problems which confront the park. And the fact that the association paid for such a study and then did not discuss the report is another of many examples that most of the association members have devoted relatively little time to looking after affairs of the park.

The elected officials on the board comprise a majority. They are Campbell, Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook, Secretary of State Ben Fortson Jr. and Public Service Commissioner Crawford Pilcher. All have said the duties of their offices, which include serving on numerous state boards, have kept them from keeping close control on the development of the park.

The other members are Mills Lane Jr., an Atlanta banker, and Julius McCurdy, a Decatur businessman, both appointed last year by Gov. Carl Sanders, and Mrs. L. H. Lyle of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, appointed by ex-Gov. Marvin Griffin.

The muddle at the mountain now is to be the subject of a legislative investigation.

The Legislature no doubt will find that its creature of 1958, the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, had some serious defects.

In the first place, as already noted, the ex-officio members of the association do not have the time to hold a tight rein over the development and operations of the park. Since Matt McWhorter resigned as association chairman and Scott Candler quit as park manager, the park has gone on a more businesslike basis. A bidding system has replaced negotiated contracts and a better accounting system has been established.

But the fact remains that the four officials who are members of the association have been members during a haphazard development program that has seen a tremendous waste in tax funds.

**CALLED DISGRACEFUL**

Chairman Campbell and others on the association have acknowledged that the mountain's 8-year history as a state park is disgraceful. However, Campbell says the park is "now set up to run like it ought to run."

He points out that the association is not to blame for one of the park's biggest problems —lack of access roads and completion of the Highway 78 bypass. This is a problem which addresses itself to Gov. Carl Sanders and the State Highway department.

Other defects the Legislature no doubt will discern in its investigation include two serious ones which helped make the muddle at the mountain possible: Negotiated contracts and operating on borrowed money.

A department of State government is prohibited from negotiating paving contracts or from borrowing money. But neither prohibition was contained in the law creating the quasi-public Stone Mountain Memorial Association.

The association spent millions of dollars in negotiated contracts with total payments often amounting to much more than original cost estimates. It also operated on borrowed funds, depending on the governor and the Legislature to bail it out, as they did recently by increasing appropriations and authorizing a new $5 million bond issue.

More than a million dollars of the bond money will go to pay off existing bank loans. A question facing the association now is whether it should proceed with a spending program with the remainder of the bond money.

Gov. Sanders has said he will seek to have the bond money put in an escrow account until completion of an investigation of the association's expenditures.

Stone Mountain is billed by the association as "one of the great natural phenomena in the world." Even its severest critics would agree with this. The largest piece of exposed granite in the world, it is two miles in length, one-half mile wide and about seven miles in circumference at its base.

The mountain and the park also undoubtedly have the potential of becoming one of the top tourist attractions in the country. But it is time for an official assessment of what has happened at the mountain since the state bought it in 1958.

Is it developing along the lines the Legislature intended? How much more tax money must be spent before the park is fully developed and opened to the public? Should the public be charged a fee for admission to the park?"

Do all of the contracts with concessionaires need to be re-negotiated, as suggested recently by Gen. Harold Maddux, park manager? Does the State Highway department have any plans for alleviating the atrocious traffic conditions in the park area?

Does the association really need to build two golf courses at the park, as it now proposes, when one is being built nearby in DeKalb County? When is the park to become self-liquidating, as the Legislature was promised in 1958 when it created the association for the development of the memorial park?

Those are some of the questions that must be answered if Stone Mountain ever is to be the Confederate Memorial Park so long promised by politicians.

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